

WILL ALDERMEN USE STEAM ROLLER

Board Meeting Will be
Called for Next Wed-
nesday Night.

CANDIDATES ARE IN CONTROL

Rumor Persistent That Rich-
mond and Henrico Company
Will Back for Administrative
Board Those Aldermen
Who Favor Granting the
Franchise Demanded.

Elated over the success of their
steam roller methods in the Common
Council, representatives of the Rich-
mond and Henrico Railway went to
work early yesterday morning to call
a special meeting of the Board of
Aldermen for Wednesday night, at
which they hope and expect to rail-
road through the upper branch their
application for a light and power
franchise. The determination to have
the meeting called for Wednesday
night became more pronounced when
it was learned that several members
of the board will be in Baltimore.

Many leading business men, how-
ever, used great influence on members
in urging them not to repeat the rail-
roading program carried out in the
lower branch. But as three mem-
bers of the body can automatically order an
extraordinary session, the meeting
will be held. Grave doubt is expressed
as to whether or not the company's
advocates can force a vote on the
record speed made by the Common
Council.

There has never been anything like



Bang!
You know what's coming!
Get ready for it!
Picnic, excursion, visiting or
staying at home!
In any case you'll want to be
comfortably clothed in order to
feel well and look well.
Got your Serge Suit?
\$15, \$18, \$20 to \$35.
Got your Soft Shirt?
50c to \$6.00.
Got your Cool Underwear, Hos-
iery, Neckwear, etc.?

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the proceeding in the Council chamber
on Friday night, when the cut and
dried franchise scheme was put
through under pressure. The Rich-
mond and Henrico Company had the
votes pledged up long before the terms
of the franchise were understood, and
under the guise of beginning work on
the ordinance, it was adopted when
nobody expected final decision without
extended argument.

Called His Own Act Wrong.
Just after the meeting adjourned,
a member from an uptown ward
went to a representative of the Vir-
ginia Railway and Power Company,
who was in the chamber, and declared
that the franchise grant was "out
of the board" and that it should be killed
in the Board. The astounding fact
about his statement, however, is that

he voted for the franchise. He was
one of the very first to vote. When
asked why he voted contrary to his
convictions, he asserted that it was a
popular move. This conversation,
which was frequently called up yes-
terday, was regarded as one of the
remarkable political features of a
speech which stands alone in the history
of the Council.

The effort which have been made
by members of the two branches to
secure votes in their caucuses for the
Administrative Board has had much
to do with the line up on the fran-
chise applications. Five Aldermen
who must pass on the application are
candidates for the new board. They
are: A. W. Bennett, Mark Gust, John
F. Don Leavy, Graham H. Hobson and
President Robert Whitte. It is
common in a that the Richmond and
Henrico Company is prepared and has
promised to reward its friends in the
Council by supporting them in the
race for the \$2,500,000. Just how far
this campaign will go before the
Aldermen has been variously regard-
ed. Councilman John Hirschberg and
C. E. Richards, who worked earnestly
for the franchise in the lower
branch, are avowed candidates for the
Administrative Board. Some months
ago Mr. Hirschberg was appointed
claim agent of the Richmond and
Henrico Railway, but in view of the
adverse criticism in the newspapers
he withdrew from that corporation.
It might also be interesting to add
that of the twenty-nine members who
supported the franchise Friday night
nineteen will go out of office on
September 1.

Candidates May Decide It.
The attitude of the Board of Alder-
men is not exactly clear. It is known
that there is decided opposition to the
plan to railroad it through, and there
is not likely to be a repetition of the
steam roller method which was so
bravely shown in the Council. It
was common talk that with a close
fight before the Aldermen, the five
candidates for the Administrative
Board will hold the balance of power.
It is known that Mr. Gust and Mr.
Don Leavy will support the franchise.
Mr. Don Leavy having been its
champion in the Street Committee.
Nobody seems to know Messrs.
Bennett, Hobson and Whitte stand.
Business men who do not clearly
understand the provisions of the ordi-
nance have urged the Aldermen to do
what the Council would not do—have
the record published and permit ample
debate and discussion so that there
may not be another exhibiting like
that on Friday night. But if the
Richmond and Henrico succeeds in
calling its meeting on Wednesday
night while members are in Balti-
more looking on at the Democratic
National Convention, the discussion
will not be possible.

Cease Explains.
Councilman George M. Cease, who
has secured in the only sensation thus
far, gave out the following state-
ment yesterday:

To the Public:
In reply to an article published in
the morning's Times-Dispatch, in which
I am not only unjustly criticized, but
grossly misquoted, by Mr. Henry An-
derson's saying that I was trying to
hold up both sides, meaning the Vir-
ginia Railway and Power Company and
the Richmond and Henrico Railway
Company, I want to state in the very
beginning that if Mr. Anderson quoted
me as having said that I was trying to
hold up both companies, he knowingly
misquoting me.

At last night, on the floor of the Coun-
cil, I stated that I was in Mr. Bryan's
office some six weeks ago, at his invita-
tion, to give him some information
relative to an estate that he was set-
tling up, and during our conversation
Mr. Bryan brought up the subject of
the Richmond and Henrico franchise
and made this remark: "You know as
well as I do that it will only be a mat-
ter of time when one of the existing
companies will have to buy out the
other."

My reply to Mr. Bryan was: "Why
don't you buy them out now (meaning
the Richmond and Henrico Company),
before the price is too high?" Then I
asked Mr. Bryan if his company would
buy the Richmond and Henrico Com-
pany. Mr. Bryan's reply was that they
would at a price. I asked Mr. Bryan
the Richmond and Henrico Company
had ever been offered to them, and his
reply was that he wouldn't say that it
had, but that he felt sure that his com-
pany would buy them at a price.

Up to that time such a thing as try-
ing to negotiate a sale between the
two companies had not entered my
mind. I told Mr. Bryan that I consid-
ered this matter up with a party, which
I did. The party I referred to was a
representative of the Richmond and
Henrico Railway Company. In about the
same capacity as Mr. Bryan is with
the Virginia Railway and Power Com-
pany. I found it impossible to get a
price through this gentleman, in fact,
he told me that he felt sure that his
company would not consider a propo-
sition of selling. I dropped the matter
right there, and I think I did not con-
sider the matter to Mr. Bryan or any one
else after that time. I didn't even re-
port back to Mr. Bryan that I couldn't
negotiate a sale. I considered the mat-
ter ended, and it was so far as I
was concerned, for I was sure there
was no possibility of doing business.

On yesterday, in a statement headed
"To the Public," a Councilman was
quoted as having offered this property
to the Virginia Railway and Power
Company. I immediately called on Mr.
Bryan, and he told me that he thought
I was the party referred to. We went
over the whole proposition again, and
Mr. Bryan told me his reason for
making the statement was based on
the grounds of his seeing me in the
office of Mumford, Williams & Anderson
with a gentleman who offered to
sell the Richmond and Henrico Rail-
way to his company. In this connec-
tion I want to state that some three
weeks ago I took up the sale of a
certain piece of property in West
Virginia with a gentleman, whose at-
torney was Mr. Gay, in the office of
Mumford, Williams & Anderson. I
went to their office with that gentle-
man, was introduced to Mr. Gay, and
left alone with Mr. Gay in his office.

The gentleman whom I was nego-
tiating with for the sale of this prop-
erty was in Mr. Anderson's office,
and Mr. Anderson tells me, at that
time, offered him this property. I had
never mentioned the sale of the Rich-
mond and Henrico Company to this
gentleman, nor did I know that he
had any connections with it whatever,
and when we were leaving the office
we met Mr. Bryan, spoke to him and
went on out. Mr. Anderson, so he tells
me, mentioned the fact to Mr. Bryan
of this gentleman having offered him
the Richmond and Henrico Company.
Mr. Bryan, seeing me with this gentle-
man, thought that we were possibly
working this deal together, and I told
Mr. Anderson of the conversation I
had had with him some four weeks
before, and the whole truth in the
matter is that I was absolutely cer-
tain of this party having offered Mr.
Anderson the Richmond and Henrico
Company, and Mr. Anderson admitted
that he didn't even know that I was
in his office at the time this gentle-
man was.

I explained the matter to Mr. An-
derson yesterday as plainly as I could,
and told Mr. Anderson that I had per-
sonally

had any authority to offer the Rich-
mond and Henrico Railway Company
for sale, and furthermore, that I could
not even get a price, and that the
best evidence of that was that if I
could have gotten a price or even an
encouragement from the Richmond
and Henrico Company I would cer-
tainly have been back with the propo-
sition and use my best efforts to
negotiate the deal, and as that was in
my line of business I had a perfect
right to do it, and if I could have ne-
gotiated a satisfactory deal to both
parties that I would have gotten a
handsome commission out of both com-
panies, which I still contend that I
would have, and that it would have
been perfectly legitimate in every
sense of the word.

There are the facts in the case, and
I don't think that Mr. Bryan, Mr. An-
derson or any one else can honestly
and truthfully deny it.

Yours respectfully,
GEORGE M. CEASE.
Subcommittee. Hereover.

Following is the report of the sub-
committee on streets, which went deep-
ly into the subject and urged the most
careful consideration, and the report
which the Common Council refused to
have read on Friday night.

To the Committee on Streets:
Gentlemen—Your subcommittee to
whom was referred the petition of the
Richmond and Henrico Railway Com-
pany, praying for the right to con-
struct and operate a plant for the
furnishing of light and power to the
citizens of Richmond, with disre-
gard to that enterprise to subject it
to competition, which would neces-
sarily retard its development and
handicap it in the extension of its
service, without benefit to the citizens
or the community.

It has been urged by the Virginia
Railway and Power Company that, in
view of the proof adduced that its
rates for light and power are reason-
able and the service adequate, it is
unjust to the invested capital en-
gaged in that enterprise to subject
it to competition, which would neces-
sarily retard its development and
handicap it in the extension of its
service, without benefit to the citizens
or the community.

The applicants at this time have no
capital whatever invested in the
lighting and power business in this
community, and the granting to them

of a franchise to do business as
prayed, might mean the investment
here of several millions of dollars in
an enterprise, uncertain in its results
to such investors, which might be a
serious handicap to the existing com-
pany in the extension of their busi-
ness, and would eventually become an
additional burden on the community.
Your subcommittee deem these va-
rious questions of the greatest im-
portance, and respectfully suggest
that it is time for this city to lay
down a well defined policy, not only
as a protection to invested capital,
but as a protection to the commu-
nity as well, from the unnecessary
duplication of plants of public util-
ities and the resultant burdens.

Authorities and records have
been produced before your subcom-
mittee, which show conclusively
that the trend of public thought and
decision is unanimously to the ef-
fect that public utilities constitute
natural monopolies, and that compe-
tition should never be permitted un-
less made necessary by reason of
excessive rates or inadequate ser-
vice, and the inability of the govern-
ment to require fair price and effi-
ciency. The experience of our own
city, as well as of many others
brought to the attention of your
subcommittee, shows that such com-
petition inevitably results in the
duplication of expenditure, in ulti-
mate merger, and consequent burden

permanently saddled upon the com-
munity.

These considerations warrant
your subcommittee in suggesting
that the general committee go fully
into the question of the advisability
and propriety of granting any com-
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franchise whatever, under the con-
ditions admitted and shown to exist
in this city.

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of stock in this Company is owned not by three or four, or a dozen,
or a score of individuals, but is owned by approximately THREE HUN-
DRED CITIZENS OF RICHMOND.

The Common Council of Richmond, on Friday evening, June 21,
REFUSED a courteous and perfectly proper request from these three
hundred citizens of Richmond to be heard through their appointed
spokesmen, on a matter of serious importance to them and to the
public.

WHY?

The total capitalization of the Richmond and Henrico Railway
Company, according to that company's last report to the Corporation
Commission, is only \$1,250,000. Do YOU know how much of that
capital was contributed by Richmond citizens? and by how many
citizens? and how much of it came from outside of this city?

The Common Council of Richmond, on Friday evening, June 21, at
a special meeting arranged for by the Richmond and Henrico
Railway Company, voted to grant a franchise to the Richmond and
Henrico Railway Company—without discussing the provisions of that
franchise, without permitting anybody else to discuss them, and in
the face of a written warning from the Assistant City Attorney that
that franchise does not adequately safeguard the city.

WHY?

The Richmond and Henrico Railway Company, by its persistent
endeavors to sell out to the Virginia Railway and Power Company,
HAS PROVED THAT ITS PURPOSE IS TO EXPLOIT THE PEOPLE
OF RICHMOND BY OBTAINING FROM THE CITY FRANCHISES TO
BARTER AND SELL.

Virginia Railway and Power Company

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June 23, 1912

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\$8.50

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